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- 1. Source declares that reports from Constanta state that war materiel and Soviet troops are being moved from Rumania to the Caucasus. This took place between 15 May and 15 June 1951 and is still continuing. Soviet troops were replaced by Rumanian and Hungarian troops or by young Soviet recruits: classes of 1950 and 1951. The latter were sent to the northern Rumanian provinces for training.
- 2. The Soviet Supreme Naval Command at Odessa has ordered all ships transporting troops to be escorted by light war ships or a mine sweeper.
- 3. The war imminence psychology is now prevalent in the Satellites. Army units are being transferred in various countries, alarm sirens have been installed at Sofia, Budapest, Bucharest, and other larger towns. Most of the railroad employees at strategic junctions have been replaced by Soviets. There is a general movement of troops to the Yugoslav border in Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria.
- 4. The International Division (sic) is now located at Arad on the Yugoslav border. The transfer of 25 Mechanized Soviet Division from northern Rumania to Transylvania has been reported also. These units have replaced airborne brigades from Hungary (formerly at Lake Balaton) and Rumania (formerly at Oradea Mare) which are now at Soviet air bases near the Iran border.
- 5. The source cites the movement of Soviet vessels from northern Black Sea ports to Poti and Batumi. At the end of May 1951 a Soviet paratroop brigade arrived on four vessels at Poti and immediately went into the interior. A complete medical unit with many nurses accompanied the brigade which amounted to 32 men. Source also stated that two more brigades would follow during June 1951. These movements took place as the result of British paratroopers arriving in Coprus.

